

Statue in new park to honor Pratt as a S.L. Valley developer

Eastside sculpture recalls 'the spirit of the area'

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Parley P. Pratt was an apostle in the early LDS Church, an explorer and a stalwart missionary who wielded considerable influence in the early days of the settling of the Salt Lake Valley.

He was also quite a land baron, at one time controlling much, if not most, of the land on the valley's east side — from the present-day University of Utah to Holladay and from Sugar House to the mountains.

"Brigham Young gave Parley Pratt that land to develop," said eastside resident Mike Glauser.

Glauser is chairman of a committee that aims to give Pratt his due. The committee has raised funds for a statue of him in a small new city park now under construction at 2100 South and 2300 East.

"We wanted to put up a park or monument or something to celebrate his legacy," Glauser said. "We consider (the chosen location) a gateway into the neighborhood."

Sculptor Edward Fraughton has created a statue of



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Full-size model of Ed Fraughton statue of Parley P. Pratt.

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Pratt that, when installed, will have him looking east, toward the mountains. He is standing over a surveyor's transit and taking notes.

"It is symbolic of picking your direction and moving toward your goals in life," Glauser said. "It will help commemorate the spirit of the area."

The idea for the monument was born last year when the LDS Church urged each of its stakes to do a "lasting legacy" project. Glauser and others put their heads together and came up with the idea of a statue, but the issue quickly became far more than just a local church project. The city became involved, saying the park under

development would be ideal for the statue; \$180,000 in private donations was raised; the local community council got in on it; and boosters persuaded historian Leonard Arrington to research Parley Pratt's role in developing the land.

"We found out a lot of great and interesting facts about the area," Glauser said.

Besides residences, Pratt cut a road through the canyon that bears his name, put in a hospital and constructed a wool mill, among various other things. He did all that while exploring other areas, such as Utah Valley, and continuing his missionary labors.

When cast, the statue will be 8 feet high with a 5-foot base. The monument will be dedicated in October.

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Pole Haven fire will be set around
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Funds for the burns are not
solely coming from the Uinta Na-
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William T. McConnell, president of the American Bankers Association, termed the bill's passage "a real loss for taxpayers." He said credit unions "now have a license for unbridled expansion of their billion-dollar annual tax subsidy."
McConnell said the Senate adopted a "corporate welfare bill" that allows credit unions to extend their tax subsidy to wealthy individuals and big businesses.
He agreed with Headlee that the fight is not over and that the banks will continue to push for taxation of credit unions. "Any time Congress seeks to find additional revenues for a tax bill, we will push for the taxation of credit unions," said McConnell.
The bill also includes some restrictions on credit union loans to business, but they are not as tight as the bankers wanted. An amendment to the bill was defeated on

the cap on commercial lending by a credit union to 7 percent of the credit union's assets. The bill passed Tuesday sets that limit at 12.25 percent.
The Senate also rejected an amendment — favored by the Clinton administration and endorsed by the House — that would have required credit unions to adhere to fair lending practices, as required by banks.
Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said credit unions are voluntary, not-for-profit organizations and should not be subject to federal mandates on who their customers should be. The original bill, said Gramm, would have forced credit unions to use their resources for something other than "promoting the well-being of their members."
Another amendment, that would have exempted small community banks from the 1977 law requiring

lending record to minorities and low-income applicants when ruling on expansion proposals, also was defeated.
The amendment was offered by Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., who argued that community banks have to compete with a higher cost of funds, a higher regulatory burden and a big tax bite.
"While we increase the competitive advantage of . . . (credit unions) in this bill, we do nothing to help small banks compete on a more level playing field," said Shelby.
Credit unions compete directly with community banks and often are able to provide loans with lower interest rates than the small banks. The banks say this is because of their tax-exempt status and is patently unfair.



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ken glass while trying to break into a house Monday.

Salt Lake County Sheriff's Deputy Rex Mulholland said the man and two partners tried to break into the home about 8:30 p.m. After the man cut himself and before the burglars could leave the home, 2980 S. 8750 West, the residents arrived and a brief fight occurred.

"A stick and a beer bottle were used in the fight, but nobody was injured," Mulholland said.

Due to blood loss, the 19-year-old collapsed about two blocks away. A trail of blood extended from the house to where he was lying.

Paramedics transported him by medical helicopter to LDS Hospital, where he remained in critical condition.

Navajos resume search for 2 accused cop-killers